been received from the Chief Justice of India. Article 130 of the Constitution provides that "the Supreme Court shall sit in Delhi or in such other place or places as the Chief Justice of India may, with the approval of the President, from time to time, appoint".

Tenders for Pune-Khandwa pipeline

84. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many tenders were received for ONGC Pune-Khandwa pipeline work of about Rs. 177 million and what are the names of the tenderers; and

(b) whether the tender has been decided, if so, in whose favour and at what cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No such tender has been floated by the ONGC.

(b) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Assam Oil Division plants

85. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the Assam Oil Division's plan for modernisation of its plants and machineries and expansion of its refining capacity; and

(b) if so, what is the proposed allocation of funds for the project in the Seventh Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government has asked Indian Oil Corporation to prepare a Feasibility Report for modernisation of the Digboi Refinery. A sum of Rs. 50 crores has been provided for this in the Seventh Plan.

Assam Oil refineries

86. SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the Assam Oil Division to a mere Refinery unit of the Refineries and Pipelines Division; and

(b) whether it was stipulated by Government at the time of take-over of Assam Oil Company Limited in 1981 that while its ownership was being vested in the Indian Oil Corporation, its separate identity would be maintained ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to the notification of Ministry of Petroleum, Chemicals & Fertilizers, dated the 13th October, 1981, the undertakings of Assam Oil Company Limited in so far as they relate to the business of production, marketing and distribution of Petroleum products, was vested in the Indian Oil Corporation Limited. IOC consequently named the undertakings as Indian Oil Corporation Limited (Assam Oil Division).

Loss to oil production due to floods

87. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the extent of loss caused to oil production on